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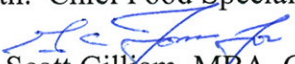


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DATE: April 3, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Setton International Foods, Inc. -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was NOT distributed in Indiana. The following bulk items were distributed to the following states: IL, MI, and OH. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Setton International Foods, Inc. Issues Precautionary Nationwide Voluntary Recall on Several Lots of Pistachio Kernel Products Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Commack, NY (April 3, 2009) – Setton International Foods, Inc., as a precautionary measure, is voluntarily recalling several of its roasted shelled pistachio nut products listed below that contain pistachios manufactured by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.

On March 30, 2009, Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. announced that it was voluntarily recalling specific lots of bulk roasted shelled and bulk roasted in shell pistachios due to potential contamination with the Salmonella organism. The products subject to this voluntary recall were purchased from Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. This voluntary recall is not in any way related to the recent recalls associated with peanuts or peanut butter. This voluntary recall is not in any way related to any inspection conducted by New York State or the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The following bulk items were distributed to the following states: WI, IL, NY, CT, UT, MN, NJ, VT, FL, MA, PA, CA, MI, NV, MO, TX, MD, OH & Canada.

| Product ID | Brand | Product | Lot Code |
|------------|--------------|--|------------------------------|
| 260 | Setton Farms | Dark Chocolate Pistachios 15 lbs. | PA39768-PA39841 |
| 758 | Setton Farms | Deluxe Mixed Nuts Roasted/Salted 20 lbs. | BK39757-BK39809 |
| 759 | Setton Farms | Deluxe Mixed Nuts Roasted/Unsalted 20 lbs. | BK39763-BK39812 |
| 910 | Setton Farms | Pistachio Whole Kernels R/S 25 lbs. | FMO#2738 W/M, 2898 W/M, 3398 |
| 911 | Setton Farms | Pistachio Whole Kernels R/U 25 lbs. | FMO# 2738 W/M, 3398 W/M, 020 |
| 1511 | Setton Farms | Deluxe Mixed Nuts w/Peanuts R/S 20 lbs. | BK39755-BK39772 |
| 2715 | Setton Farms | Dark Chocolate Pistachios (Passover) 15 lbs. | PA39847-PA39892 |

The following packaged items were distributed to the following states: WI, NY, MA, MD, FL, NJ, RI, IL, LA, PA, MN, OH, MI, CT, DE, CO, TX, Canada & Panama.

| Product ID | Brand | Product | UPC | Lot Code | Exp. Date |
|------------|--------------|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1507 | Corrado's | Mixed Nuts Roasted/Salted 12X14 oz. | 021005008792 | T139773 | 11/19/09-11/20/09 |
| 2518 | Corrado's | Pistachios Shelled Roasted/Salted 12X10 oz. | 021005010894 | OR39843 | 1/22/10-1/29/10 |
| 2519 | Corrado's | Pistachios Shelled Roasted/Unsalted 12X10 oz. | 021005010900 | OR39843 | 1/22/10-1/29/10 |
| 2860 | Setton Farms | "Certified Delicious" Dark Chocolate Pistachios 12X12 oz. | 034325028609 | OR39778-OR39870, & T239785 | 11/25/09-2/24/10 |
| 288 | Setton Farms | Dark Chocolate Pistachios (Passover) 12X12 oz. | 034325076723 | T139847-T239891 | 1/2/10-3/18/10 |
| 750 | Setton Farms | Super Fancy Mixed Nuts Roasted/Salted 12X16 oz. | 034325009233 | OR39756-OR39766, & T139800 | 10/8/09-12/17/09 |
| 748 | Setton Farms | Super Fancy Mixed Nuts Roasted/Salted 12X9 oz. | 034325009172 | T139773 & T239806 | 11/21/09-12/24/09 |
| 755 | Setton Farms | Super Fancy Mixed Nuts Roasted/Unsalted 12X16 oz. | 034325009240 | T139777-T239804, & SA39764 | 11/12/09-12/22/09 |
| 754 | Setton Farms | Super Fancy Mixed Nuts Roasted/Unsalted 12X9 oz. | 034325009202 | T139786 & T139806 | 12/4/09-12/24/09 |
| 3287 | Setton Farms | Nature's Perfect Snack Mixed Nuts Roasted/Salted 12X16 oz. | 034325078628 | T339758 & T239771 | 11/3/09-11/19/09 |
| 3605 | Setton Farms | Nature's Perfect Snack Roasted/Salted Shelled Pistachios 12X9 oz. | 034325036055 | OR39766-OR39840, & T339857, & T239872 | 11/13/09-2/26/10 |
| 861 | Setton Farms | Pistachios Shelled Roasted/Salted 12X10 oz. | 034325010994 | T139794 & T139874 | 12/11/09-2/23/10 |

There have been no confirmed cases of salmonellosis in connection with these products. No other Setton International products including in shell pistachios and those containing pistachios are affected by this recall.

Setton International Foods, Inc. is initiating recall notices to our accounts who received any of the above recalled products with instructions for returning or destroying the recalled products and for notifying their customers of the recall.

Consumers should not consume these products and should return them to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (888) 228-5719, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm EDT.

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